Power Projects Installed after verting the Powers of clearance with States

1403. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 133 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1996 and state the number of power projects set up or proposed to be set up and the generation capacity to be installed State-wise, after the State Governments were allowed to clear power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): The Notification issued in September, 1996 by the Government empowered the State Governments to clear generation power projects set up by generating companies selected through competitive bidding and costing up to Rs. 1000 crores. Government of India does not regularly monitor the status of clearance of such projects which come within the purview of the State Governments.

Clearance to Tail Pond Dam Power Project of Andhra Pradesh

1404. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 678 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the project of Nagarjuna Sagar Tail Pond Dam Power House hydroelectric scheme in Andhra Pradesh have been cleared by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and that the Planning Commission has given investment approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed for assuring external assistance for early implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) The project can be posed for external assistance only after the project receives clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests and investment approval from Planning Commission.

Loss of Agricultural and Industrial Production by Shutting off Power supply

1405. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated total loss of industrial and agricultural production because of the decision of the NTPC to shut off power supplies to Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal for a number of days in January-February last;

(b) whether there exists and standing arrangement whereby representatives of the Union and the State Governments could hold prior mutual consultations to avoid such situations which cause severe damage to the national economy; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to seek guidelines from the Inter-State Council in such matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) No estimate of loss in production, if any on account of regulation of power supply by NTPC has been made. State Government had been informed in advance, in October, 1996 about the Government's decision to restrict the power supply by Central Public Sector generating Corporations to the various States to the extent of advance payment made or opening of irrevocable Letters of Credit.

(c) No, Sir.